

[Sponsor Name]
{Medicare Seal}

MEDICARE APPROVED PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD

This packet contains what you need to enroll in *[sponsor name]*, a Medicare-approved prescription drug discount card. This discount card can help you save money on your prescription drugs. It is available to people with Medicare who meet the requirements described below. Be sure to review all the materials that came with this packet for important information.

Am I eligible for the Medicare-Approved prescription drug discount card?

There are **no income restrictions** for the drug discount card. You **are eligible** to enroll in the [Sponsor name] drug discount card if:

- You have Medicare, and
- You **do not** have outpatient prescription drug benefits under your State Medicaid Program (your state may call this Medical Assistance). ***[Sponsor note: you may substitute the name of your state's Medicaid program]***

Note: If you are enrolled in a state pharmacy assistance program (not Medicaid), you are still eligible. ***[Sponsor note: you may substitute the name of your state's pharmacy assistance program]***

To enroll in the [Sponsor name] drug discount card, complete and send in the enclosed enrollment form (*Enrollment Form for the Drug Discount Card*). We will use your information only for eligibility and/or payment purposes in a Medicare program.

NOTE:	If you would like information on the additional eligibility requirements for a credit of up to \$600 to help in paying for your prescription drugs, please see the next page.
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Am I eligible for a credit of up to \$600 in additional assistance in paying for my prescription drugs?

If your income is below a certain level, Medicare may also give you a credit of up to \$600 through your membership in [Sponsor name] to help pay for your prescriptions (*sponsor note: include the following if applicable: as well as pay for your annual enrollment fee*). If you qualify, you will be enrolled in the [Sponsor name] drug discount card and also receive a credit of up to \$600 to help pay for the cost of your prescription drugs.

You may be eligible for a \$600 credit to help pay for your prescription drugs if:

- Your income*, plus your spouse's income* (if married), is **no more** than the amount listed below.

Single: \$12,569 or less

Married: \$16,862 or less

*(*Income includes money that you receive through retirement benefits from Social Security, Railroad, the Federal government, or other sources, and benefits you receive for a disability or as a Veteran, plus any other sources of the type that you would report for tax purposes.)*

If you qualify, you will pay a coinsurance at the pharmacy for each prescription drug, until the credit of up to \$600 is used, based on your income level as follows:

Marital Status	Annual Income	Coinsurance at the pharmacy
Single	\$12,569 or less	10%
Single	\$ 9,310 or less	5%
Married	\$16,862 or less	10%
Married	\$12,490 or less	5%

(Sponsor note: These amounts are for CY 2004; amounts are different for Alaska and Hawaii)

Important note: If your state helps pay your Medicare part A or part B premiums you may still qualify if your income is above \$12,569 if single or \$16,862 if married (your coinsurance at the pharmacy would be 10%).

You are not eligible to get the \$600 credit toward your prescription drugs if you have any of the following:

- Outpatient prescription drug benefits under your State Medicaid Program [***Sponsor note: you may substitute the name of your state's Medicaid program***]
- TRICARE (military health insurance)
- FEHBP (health insurance for Federal employees or retirees)
- Other health coverage that includes outpatient prescription drugs, such as employer or retiree plans.

(However, if you have health coverage through a Medicare + Choice (M+C) plan, or a Medigap plan, you are still eligible.)

How can I become a member in [Sponsor name]'s Discount Card Program?

To become a member of [Sponsor name]'s discount card program, you must complete the enrollment form on the following page titled, ***Enrollment Form for the Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card***. Please return the completed enrollment form to the address provided.

How can I receive the additional assistance of up to \$600 in paying for my prescription drugs?

If you think you may be eligible to receive additional assistance in paying for your prescription drugs, according to the income requirements listed on the previous page, you must complete the ***Enrollment Form for the Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card and Additional Assistance in Paying for Your Prescription Drugs***. Please complete, sign, and return this form to the address provided.

Why are there 2 different enrollment forms?

The credit of up to \$600 to help pay for your prescription drugs is a feature of the Medicare-approved prescription drug discount card program for individuals who meet special eligibility requirements that apply only to this part of the program. If you do not believe that you qualify, or are otherwise not interested in this credit, you do not have to answer the special eligibility questions. You may, of course, still apply for the prescription drug discount card.

How can I get more information?

- Visit www.medicare.gov on the web. Select "Prescription Drug and Other Assistance Programs."
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program counselor. To find the telephone number for your SHIP, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. Or visit on the web. Select "Helpful Contacts."
- For help applying for the [Sponsor name] drug discount card, call us at 1-800-xxx-xxxx from 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday – Friday.